

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE
Minutes of May 14, 2010 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Derek Hussey established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members present: Derek Hussey, Sharon Abrams, Karen Fatz, and Terry Adams.

Others present: Torrey Gray, Board Administrator; Merica Tripp, Research and Planning Associate; Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk; Judith Peters, AAG; and Robert Perkins, AAG.

Members Absent: Sheila Thibodeau.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of April 9, 2010 Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Adams to approve the minutes for April 9, 2010. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 4 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Complaint Presentations

2009-SOC-5804

A complaint was filed against a social worker for unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams.

Vote: 2 in favor (2 recused – Derek Hussey and Karen Fatz)

2009-SOC-5731

A complaint was filed against a social worker for unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused - Karen Fatz)

2009-SOC-5941

A complaint was filed against a social worker for unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2010-SOC-6201

A complaint was filed against a social worker for unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Karen Fatz.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-5903

A complaint was filed against a social worker alleging incompetence.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-6095

A complaint was filed against a social worker for unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-6047

A complaint was filed against a social worker alleging a confidentiality breach.

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 4 in favor

2010-SOC-6203

A complaint was filed against an applicant for unlicensed practice.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to offer a consent agreement, including an admission and a warning. Once the consent agreement is fully executed, the application for licensure will be approved. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2007-SOC-4198

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Terry Adams to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-5762

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Karen Fatz.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-5758

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to offer a consent agreement, including an admission and a warning. The Board also approved the continuing education that the licensee has since completed. The motion was seconded by Karen Fatz.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-5544

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to offer a consent agreement, including an admission and a warning. The Board also approved a continuing education activity that the licensee has since completed. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2009-SOC-5659

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to offer a consent agreement, including an admission and a warning. The Board also approved the continuing education that the licensee has since completed. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2007-SOC-4208

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to offer a consent agreement, including an admission and a warning. The licensee will complete the remaining hours within 90 days of signing the consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2007-SOC-4205

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to offer a consent agreement, including an admission and a warning. The licensee will complete the remaining hours within 90 days of signing the consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2007-SOC-4216

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

2007-SOC-4186

A complaint was filed against a social worker for failure to meet the continuing education requirements.

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

B. Complaint Item

2007-SOC-3380 – Review quarterly report

A motion was made by Karen Fatz to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Derek Hussey.

Vote: 4 in favor

C. Application Review/Continuing Education Approvals

Child Abuse Prevention Council of York County approved for 6 hours

University of New England approved for 11.25 contact hours

Elder Justice Partners approved for 9.25 hours

Elder Justice Partners approved for 6.5 hours

D. CEU Audit Review – Merica Tripp

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to file complaints on the licensees who failed the audits. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

E. Correspondence

Geoffrey Smith, LCSW

No Board action – Torrey Gray, Board Administrator, to respond.

F. Miscellaneous

2010-SOC-6200 – Review Letter of Guidance

A motion was made by Derek Hussey to approve the letter of guidance. The motion was seconded by Sharon Abrams.

Vote: 4 in favor

G. Administrator's Report

Torrey Gray, Board Administrator, gave an update on LD1608. Torrey also gave a licensee update.

IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2010, in the Central Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley
Board Clerk